



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** ABDSP - Designation of "Horse Trail" on Wilson Trail (03/04-CD-25)

**LOCATION:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park      **COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project consists allowing equestrian use on the Wilson Trail, a former primitive road. Horses were allowed on the trail until the 1990's and that use was never explicitly terminated. However, the route was never specifically designated by the District Superintendent as an equestrian route when the road was closed to vehicular traffic upon designation of the area as State Wilderness. The project will expressly allow horse use on the entire length of the Wilson Trail to the scenic overlook.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section            )  
☒ Categorical Exemption  
    *Class: 1      Section(s): 15301*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.  
An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.  
There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)

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